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E.O. 10#52: GDS

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SUBJECT: ADMIN: JOINT ECONOMIC COOPERATION TEAM

REF: STATE 95188

1. EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICER MET WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ECONOMIC DIRECTOR PICKERSGILL, APRIL 27, ON ADMIN ARRANGEMENTS FOR JOINT TEAM VISIT. IT WAS CLEAR GOJ PREPARATIONS STILL AT A RUDIMENTARY STAGE. FOLLOWING IS CURRENT STATUS:

2. PARTICIPANTS: LIST OF U.S. TEAM MEMBERS (AS OUTLINED REFTEL PLUS CHARGE, ECONOFF AND AID AFFAIRS OFFICER) PASSED TO PICKERSGILL. HE PROVIDED FOLLOWING LIST OF GOJ TEAM MEMBERS: MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS-MR. FRANK FRANCIS (CONVENOR) BANK OF JAMAICA--HON G. ARTHUR BROWN OR DR. G. BONNICK PROJECTS AND PLANNING, MIN OF FINANCE-MR. ROY JONES AND MISS JACQUELINE MAYERS

NATIONAL PLANNING AGENCY-- DR. NORMAN GIRVAN OR DR. LEROY TAYLOR

MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY & COMMERCE-- MR. WARREN WODHAM
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TRADE ADMINISTRATOR, NATIONAL PLANNING AGENCY-- DR. HEADLEY BROWN
OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER-MR.O. K. MELHADO

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE-3 DR. L. MCLAREN

MIN OF MINING & NATURAL RESOURCES--MR. ERWIN ANGUS

JAMAICA BAUXITE INSTITUTE--DR. CARLTON DAVIS

MINISTRY OF MOBILIZATION--DR. LOUIS LINDSAY

COMMENT: COMPLETE BIOGRAPHIC DATA WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR U.S. TEAM ON ARRIVAL. WE DO NOTE WITH INTEREST INCLUSION ON TEAM OF MELHADO AND LINDSAY. MELHADO, MONITORS POLITICALLY SENSITIVE SPECIAL PROJECTS FOR THE PRIME MINISTER AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO FILL ROLE AS AN OBSERVER. LINDSAY IS ONE OF PRIME ARCHITECTS OF ABORTIVE FIRST (RADICAL) DRAFT OF PRODUCTION PLAN. GIRVAN IS THE ONLY OTHER "RADICAL" REPRESENTATIVE ON THE TEAM. NOTABLY ABSENT ARE RICHARD FLETCHER (PROBABLY FOR PROTOCOL REASONS), AND HORACE BARBER OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

3. ARRIVAL-AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 645 WILL BE MET BY A GOJ DELEGATION AND CHARGE. A BRIEF ARRIVAL CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE IN AIRPORT VIP LOUNGE. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE TRANSPORT TO PEGASUS HOTEL. EMBASSY WILL HOST SMALL CASUAL DINNERS FOR TEAM MEMBERES EVENING MAY 1.

4. AGENDA: PICKERSGILL PRESENTLY AT A LOSS ON AGENDA ITMES SAYING GOJ TEAM MEMBERS HAD FOR FIRST TIME ONLY LAST NIGHT. HE AGREED TO FOLLOWING SCENARIO FOR MAY 2 OPENING MEETING:

0830- U.S. TEAM MEMBERS MEET AT EMBASSY FOR BRIEFINGS.
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1030- LION AND HEAVNER MEET WITH FRANCIS AND JONES AT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (SUBJECT WOULD BE WORK PROGRAM).

1130- MEETING OF FULL TEAM (SUBJECT-WORK PROGRAM).

1230-LUNCH HOSTED BY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
P.J. PATTERSON

AFTERNOON-MEETINGS UNSPECIFIED.
DAILY SESSIONS WILL START AT 0900 TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY.

5. SOCIAL SCHEDULE: PICKERSGILL SAID SOCIAL MATTER HAS NOT BEEN ADDRESSED. HE SEIZED AT OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE PATTERSON HOST LUNCH MAY 2. HE INDICATED GOJ STILL HOPES TO HOST EVENT EVENING MAY 2. (FYI: MAY 3 CHARGE WILL HOST WORKING BUFFET DINNER (STAG) AT HIS RESIDENCE. EVENING MAY 5 HAS BEEN SET ASIDE FOR

POSSIBLE U.S. TEAM MEMBERS DINNER WITH LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER DONOR NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. EVENINGS MAY 4, 6, AND 7 OPEN.

6. PRESS COVERAGE: PICKERSGILL AGREED TO BRIEF PRESS STATEMENT ON TEAM'S ARRIVAL (SEPTEL). THERE WOULD BE "NO COMMENT" DURING COURSE OF WEEK. AT END OF WEEK PICKERSGILL SUGGESTED THE TEAM ISSUE A BRIEF "JOINT STATEMENT" SUMMARIZING THE MEETINGS.
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